

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please **AMEND** claims 1, 4, 5, 7, 8, 11, 14, 15, 17 and 19, as follows.

1. (Currently Amended) An apparatus for controlling a focus position, comprising:
a display screen ~~for~~ displaying an image corresponding to a subject and a mark
representing a the focus position on the image;
a touch screen ~~for moving~~ allowing a user to move the mark on ~~said~~ the display screen;
a first memory unit ~~for~~ storing image data corresponding the entire image;
~~a focus control unit~~ means for controlling the setting the focus position on a position of
the subject corresponding to ~~said~~ the mark and ~~for~~ compressing the image data in a lossless
manner stored in the first memory unit; and
a second memory unit ~~for~~ storing the compressed image data, ~~wherein the image data is~~
~~compressed in a lossless manner and stored in the second memory unit~~.

2-3. (Cancelled)

4. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein ~~said~~ the focus control
means unit ~~further~~ calculates the focus position by processing image data corresponding to the
mark moved by ~~said~~ the touch screen ~~in order to focus the position of subject corresponding to~~
~~the mark~~.

5. (Currently Amended) A digital still camera, comprising:

~~a display means for unit showing an image corresponding to a subject and a mark representing a focus position on the image;~~

~~a first image storage store means for storing image data corresponding to the entire image;~~

~~a touch screen for moving allowing a user to move the mark on said the display means;~~

~~a focus control unit means for controlling setting the focus position on a position of the subject corresponding to the mark and for compressing the image data in a lossless manner stored in the first memory unit; and~~

~~a second image storage store means for storing the compressed image data;~~

~~wherein the image data is compressed in a lossless manner and stored in the second image store means.~~

6. (Cancelled)

7. (Currently Amended) The digital sill camera of claim 5, wherein ~~said the display means unit~~ comprises a display screen ~~that shows~~ showing the image and the mark.

8. (Currently Amended) The digital still camera of claim 5, wherein ~~said the touch screen is established on a camera body.~~

9-10. (Cancelled)

11. (Currently Amended) The digital still camera of claim 5, wherein ~~said the focus control means unit further~~ calculates the focus position by processing image data corresponding to the mark moved by ~~said the~~ touch screen ~~in order to focus the position of the subject corresponding to the mark according to the focus position calculation.~~

12-13. (Cancelled)

14. (Currently Amended) The digital still camera of claim 11, wherein ~~said the focus control means unit~~ restores the compressed image data ~~stored in said second image storage means.~~

15. (Currently Amended) A method for operating a digital still camera, comprising the steps of:

- (a) displaying a subject and a focus mark on a display screen;
- (b) storing image data corresponding to the entire subject;
- (c) determining a position on the display screen to which an operator relocates the focus ~~position~~ mark based on ~~the~~ an operator's manipulation of a touch screen;
- (d) displaying the focus mark on the position to which the operator relocates the focus position;
- (e) focusing the camera corresponding to the relocated focus position;

- (f) photographing the subject with a focus position at the relocated position of the focus mark and ~~convert~~ converting the photographed subject into digital image data;
- (g) compressing the digital image data in a lossless manner;
- (h) storing the compressed digital image data; and
- (i) restoring the compressed digital image data as needed.

16. (Cancelled)

17. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 15, wherein ~~said~~ the focusing step (e) further comprises the sub-step of calculating ~~said~~ the focus position by processing image data corresponding to ~~said~~ the relocated focus position.

18. (Cancelled)

19. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 17, wherein ~~said~~ the calculating step comprises the sub-steps of:

generating an address of a memory storing image data corresponding to a coordinates of ~~said~~ the relocated focus position;
reading the image data stored in ~~said~~ the address; and
calculating the focus position by processing ~~said~~ the ~~read~~ image data.